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"Manufacturers and Designers of The Amazing Lexan Wall Hung Flat Screen Aquarium"

IMPORTANT WARNING: READ AND SAVE THESE DIRECTIONS FOR THE SAFETY, MOUNTING, CARE AND ENJOYMENT OF YOUR AQUARIUM

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TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED:
1. Phillips Screwdriver
2. Pencil
3. Level
4. Stud Finder (optional)
5. Drill and 1/8" drill bit (optional)
6. Hammer (optional)
7. Small finishing nail (optional)
8. Cord Cover - Wire Mold (optional)

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS:
To guard against injury, basic safety precautions must be observed, including but not limited to the following:
1. If your light or any other electrical component falls into the water, DO NOT reach for it! First, carefully unplug it and then remove. Make sure component has not been damaged before attempting to reuse. If a non-submersible component gets wet, carefully unplug it from the wall and proceed to remove the moisture.
2. If the components (such as the submersible filter) show any sign of abnormal water leakage, immediately unplug it from the power source.
3. The light should not be plugged in if there is any water on parts not intended to be wet.
4. Always inspect the cord and plug for tears, abrasions, or abnormal wear.
5. DO NOT USE plug or cord if they seem to malfunction in any way.
6. A "drip loop" should be placed by the owner for each cord connecting an aquarium appliance. The ""drip loop" is the part of the cord below the level of the receptacle. The "drip loop" is used to prevent water traveling along the cord and coming in contact with the receptacle. If the plug or receptacle gets wet, DO NOT unplug the cord. First disconnect the circuit breaker or fuse that supplies power to that outlet. See Figure J for placement of "drip cord".

Fig. J

7. To avoid injury do not handle lamp bulb or any other items that may be hot. Do not let cold water come in contact with a hot bulb, as this could cause the bulb to burst.

8. Before removing your light or filter, unplug from receptacle. Use appliances only for intended use. Using attachments not recommended or sold by a component manufacturer may cause unsafe conditions for you and your pet fish or critter.
9. Read and observe all notices and instructions on your filter and light that are included in your aquarium.
10. If it is necessary to use an extension cord, always use the same gage cord and plug. A cord that is rated for less amperes or watts than the component you are using may overheat.
11. Never pull or yank a cord from the receptacle. Hold on to the plug to remove from the connection.
12. If your plug does not fit into the outlet reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. NEVER use with an extension cord unless the plug can be fully inserted.
13. Never attempt to lift aquarium off of wall when full of water.
14. Never lift your aquarium with wet hands.
15. Never lift your aquarium from the top only, always support the bottom.

******CLOSE SUPERVISION IS VITAL WHEN ANY APPLIANCE IS USED NEAR OR BY CHILDREN******

INSTALLATION: Read All Directions Before Installing!

Now that you understand the safety instructions and have examined the box for contents, you are now ready to mount your new wall hung aquarium. Your aquarium has been designed to fit into any room of your home.

1. Before hanging your aquarium, consider the following:
   a. Check for drafty areas where heat or air conditioning might affect the temperature of your water. Fluctuations in water temperature can cause considerable stress to your pets and in some cases, even death..
   b. Keep out of the direct sun light as this will cause water temperature to change and cause unsightly algae growth. Too much natural or artificial light can cause overheating of the water.
   c. You will need a flat wall to hang the aquarium with an electrical outlet nearby.
   d. **As with any cord, you need to use extreme caution as to where you place the cord. Cords can cause serious injury and even death to small children. Be aware of this hazard and install accordingly.**

   After selecting the wall for your new aquarium, follow the directions below.

2. Mount your wall support bracket. Read, again, all #2 directions before installing wall support bracket. See Figure F for picture of wall support bracket.
   a. Decide the exact location and height for your wall aquarium, making sure there is an outlet nearby. (Suggestion: You might want to have a qualified electrician install an outlet to the right of the aquarium behind the right side of the detachable frame where it would be hidden.)
   b. Hardware needed is 2 - #8 x 1-3/4" wood screws and 2 - plastic EZ anchors with 2 - #6 x 1-1/4" screws. At least 3 of the 4 screws should be used to mount the wall bracket securely. It is recommended to use 2 - 1-3/4" wood screws in the outside holes on the wall support bracket which is 16" apart to be centered on 2 studs in the wall and 1 - EZ plastic anchor with screw in the center hole. If you can only locate one stud in the wall, then use 1 wood screw and 2 EZ anchors with screws.
   c. Locate a stud in the wall by using a stud finder(which can be purchased at your local hardware store) or you can use a hammer and small finishing nail. (Hint: Where the outlet is located, there is usually a stud on one side of the outlet.)
   d. Locate the second stud which is usually 16 inches centered from the other stud. Place an X mark with your pencil in the middle of each stud (16”apart).
   e. Using your level, draw a straight pencil line from one marked X (stud) to the other X marking. This should measure 16 inches. It is extremely important to keep wall support bracket level on the wall.
   f. Measure 8 inches to find the center between the two studs and place another X mark with your pencil. The plastic EZ anchor will be installed in this center location.

g. On the center X mark you will insert the plastic EZ anchor by using a Phillips screwdriver. Insert the anchor until it is flush with the wall.

h. Holding the wall support bracket in your hand, mitered edge up, place the center screw hole against the center plastic EZ anchor on the wall. IMPORTANT: Make sure mitered edge of wall support bracket is on top as shown below:

wall

end view wall support bracket

Install your #6 anchor screw into wall support bracket, then into the plastic anchor, leaving it loose.

i. Keeping the wall support bracket level, fasten it to the wall using the two wood screws in the outer holes of the bracket and then tighten the center anchor screw. Suggestion: You can make starter holes for the wood screws with a 1/8" drill bit.

3. Attaching the tank:
   a. Use a damp sponge, purchased at a pet store, to thoroughly wipe the inside of your new aquarium or you can rinse with warm water. (DO NOT USE STORE BOUGHT SPONGES AS THEY CONTAIN SOAP) **NEVER CLEAN YOUR AQUARIUM WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN A CLEAN SPONGE AND WARM WATER.**
   b. Lift the tank up and then onto the mitered wall bracket. Now wasn't that easy?

4. Adding your gravel::
   a. You will find about a pound of gravel in your box. Rinse it with cool water to remove dust particles.
   b. Carefully pour the gravel into the tank and arrange on the bottom.

5. Adding the water:
   a. This aquarium holds approximately three (3) gallons of water.
   b. We advise you to use spring water purchased at your local grocery store. Always fill your aquarium with room temperature water. Cool water produces condensation, which gives the appearance of leakage. If condensation does appear just wipe off with a clean cloth until water stabilizes. You can also use **treated** water from your tap. Most water contains chlorine or chloramine, which will cause serious harm and even death to your new pet fish. Always de-chlorinate tap water before using in your tank. Be sure to check with your local professional dealer for the water conditioner that works best with your local tap water and any other questions that you may have about water safety. **Never add untreated tap water to your aquarium as it can kill your pet fish.**
   c. Slowly fill your aquarium about three quarters full at this time. If you purchased fish from a store, the fish will usually come in plastic bags. It is recommended to float those bags so that your new pet fish can acclimate to the new water temperature in your tank. When adding the remaining water, **DO NOT fill above the viewing area which is approximately ½ inch from the top opening of the tank.**

6. Next comes the side panels:
   a. We have included side panels for you to use with your aquarium. They are optional but if used, they help keep the light inside the aquarium.
   b. There are hooks on the back side of each panel. Hook over the top of each side of the aquarium.

7. Filter is your next step:
   a. Read and follow all directions inside of filter box before inserting the filter into your new aquarium.
   b. Facing the tank, the filter will go to the left of your aquarium.
   c. The filter cord will be to the left and will fit into the brackets on the back of the frame when the frame is attached. **Remember, if the aquarium is accessible to small children, caution should be used.**

8. Now for the light:
   a. In your hardware package you will find the two remaining #8 x 3/8" pan head screws. Insert them into

two holes in the middle of your aquarium back at the top. If you have Light model L-33, you will want to use the center hole and the far right hole because the light is offset in the fixture. For other light models measure the distance between the slots for hanging and select the proper holes to be used. Only screw them in enough to secure, as the light will be mounted to them.

b. On the back of your light you will see two slotted holes. Attach them to the two screws on the back of the aquarium. The cord will be placed to the right of your aquarium as you look at the tank. The on/off switch is located on the cord.
c. Lighting brings out the natural colors of your pet fish. To avoid excessive algae growth, try to limit the lighting of your aquarium to 10-12 hours maximum a day. We recommend 3-5 hours daily.

9. Picture time:
   a. Your aquarium has been made to accommodate either one of our pictures or one of your own.
   b. To insert locate the slot at the bottom of the back side (wall side) of the tank.
   c. Slide your picture into the bottom slot until it reaches the other side. There is a slot located on the top, on the wall support bracket, that the picture will slide through. TIP: Make a tab for easy insertion and removal of your picture by taking a small piece of clear tape about 1-1/2" long, barely place one edge of the tape on the front right side of the picture and fold in half to the back side of the picture creating a tab.

10. Now is the time for the Frame:
   a. You will find a black frame in your box of items.
   b. To attach the frame to the tank connect the two hooks on the back of the frame, over the front top edge of the tank, so that the filter is hidden. The frame was designed to be offset so that all you see is the picture and your pet fish.
   c. At the bottom back of the frame, there is a hook that will snap under the bottom front of the tank which holds the frame secure to the tank.

11. Finishing Touch:
   If you decide not to install an outlet to the right of the aquarium, hidden behind the frame, you can hide the filter and light cords by purchasing a cord cover (wire mold) from your local building supply store. It usually comes in white or off-white or you can spray paint it to match your walls. It has a self adhesive backing that is applied to the wall. Push the cords firmly into the cord cover (wire mold.).

"THAT IS ALL YOU HAVE TO DO!!!" OH, WAIT A MINUTE --- THE PET FISH!!! I ALMOST FORGOT. Let's take a few minutes and talk about the most important part of the aquarium, your pet fish and care of your new aquarium.

ADDING FISH TO YOUR NEW AQUARIUM

★ Begin by talking to your local pet shop about what fish are best suited to your new aquarium, what fish are compatible with one another and how many would be appropriate.
★ Don't overcrowd your new pet fish. Start out with just one or two fish. Gradually add a few more over a 3-5 week period. Your limit depends on the size of fish that you choose. Always consult your pet store owner for their recommendation. Also, choose only fish that appear active and healthy.
★ The water you put your fish in needs to be approximately the same temperature as the water from which they came from. To equalize the two water temperatures, float the transport container (usually plastic bags) in the tank for about 15 minutes. Then, at five minute intervals open the bag and add a small amount of the aquarium water. After about 15 minutes gently net the fish and place them in the aquarium. DO NOT add the bagged water to the aquarium. Let the fish swim from the net into the tank to allow less stress for them.

★ **DO NOT OVERFEED YOUR FISH!!!!!!** Feed your fish twice a day and only what they will eat in about five minutes or less. Food that is not eaten will pollute your aquarium. It is a good idea to assign ONE person to feed your pets. There is less chance for overfeeding. You are not being kind by overfeeding. You may not only kill your pet, but also pollute their environment.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR AQUARIUM AND PET FISH

★ Let's get started with first a few items you may want to purchase at your favorite pet shop: small fish net, gravel vacuum (acts like a siphon), fish food, and an algae scrapper/sponge.
★ We advise that you set aside all of your aquarium supplies to be used only with your aquarium. This will help eliminate the introduction of harmful pollutants into your water system.
★ Think of your fish as living art and you will agree they deserve the best care and attention you can provide. This means taking care not to overcrowd the tank or overfeed the pet fish.
★ We recommend that you replace your sponge filter and perform a 25% water change every 2-4 weeks depending on the amount of fish and the condition of your water. You will also need to vacuum your gravel thoroughly to remove any waste buildup. The most effective way to clean and remove the water is with a siphon operated gravel vacuum.

TIP: Keeping a small spout watering container, found in your local garden center, filled with spring water or treated water makes it convenient to add water to the aquarium due to evaporation.

TIP: If your water appears cloudy, yellowish or smells badly you need to change the sponge filter immediately. There is no need in changing all the water in the aquarium. If the problem persists, it may be because you have too many fish or you are overfeeding them. Most pet shops will test your water and tell you what is wrong.

TIP: At times you may have some algae growth in your aquarium. It is normal. To remove just wipe down the inside walls of your aquarium with a pad made for removing algae. You may want to think about adding an algae eater after a few weeks. Consult your pet store before adding to see if it would benefit your aquarium.

TIP: Because your flat screen aquarium is made of the top of the line materials it is less likely to scratch than normal acrylic. Care should be taken when handling the aquarium or adding gravel, sand, rocks or any decorations that you may choose. Clean the outside gently with soap and water. Never clean the inside with anything other than a clean sponge and warm water. Purchase your sponge at your pet store. **(NEVER USE STORE BOUGHT SPONGES BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN SOAPS)** Never use glass cleaners, abrasives or ammonia based products of any kind. Should normal wear and tear add a few scratches, you can buy scratch removal kits at your favorite discount store.

YOUR EASY CARE CHECK LIST

★ DON'T OVERCROWD YOUR AQUARIUM
★ DON'T OVERFEED YOUR PET FISH
★ REMEMBER TO REPLACE YOUR SPONGE CARTRIDGE AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH
★ CHANGE YOUR WATER (25% never more than 50%)
★ VACUUM YOUR GRAVEL
★ CLEAN YOUR AQUARIUM

Thank you for choosing Frame A Fish as your new living art aquarium.

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